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BE PART OF THE SOLUTION: EARTH DAY 2007

The City of Flagstaff and the Flagstaff Sustainability Commission Present Earth Day 2007

The City of Flagstaff will celebrate Earth Day 2007 on April 21, 2007, from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM, at Wheeler Park. A wide variety of local organizations and businesses will be on hand, featuring sustainable products and interactive programs for all ages.

Some of the most popular activities in the past have been from Flagstaff's Willow Bend Environmental Education Center. Their enthusiastic staff will be at Earth Day again this year with special events including their bio-bug display, a worm composting demonstration, and special Earth Day art activities, including a face painter. In addition Coconino County Rural Environment Corps will be conducting abbreviated Leave No Trace training sessions.

Throughout the day, local speakers will present on sustainable activities in our region. Speakers will include Coconino County Supervisor Carl Taylor, David Calley from Southwest Windpower, Wahleah Johns from the Black Mesa Water Coalition, Andy Bessler from the Sierra Club and Flagstaff City Council member Al White.

Local bands will be performing throughout the day, providing entertainment for all the Earth Day participants. Musical acts will include Second Childhood, the Voluntary String Band, and Nolan McKelvey. All of the sound equipment will be powered by a special biofuel generator.

Several alternative fuel vehicles will be making an appearance at the festival this year, including a MountainLine bus that runs on 20 percent biofuel, a fully electric City vehicle, and the new hybrid car from KNAU Public Radio's *Earth Notes*. The public can get a closer look at these vehicles and learn about a variety of alternative fuels now available.

Numerous local groups and businesses will provide information on how we can become part of the solution by working for a sustainable future for all of us. There will also be recycling and composting stations at the park with information on how to reduce waste. As part of this activity, the City of Flagstaff will be selling home composting bins and rain water collection barrels.

Earth Day 2007 is sure to be an inspiring, educational, and fun day for everyone. Be sure not to miss it!

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